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MEMORANDUM

TO: ROBERT L. MORGAN State Engineer

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FROM: JOHN H. MABEY, JR.

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DATE: February 12, 1990

RE: Review of Memorandum of Understanding for Uintah-Lake Fork

River Water Commissioner

Attached is the first draft of an MOU requested by the Ute Tribe and the BIA at the distribution meeting held January 23 in Roosevelt. I have attempted to address their major concerns, which were for the most part to get down in writing how a distribution system functions and what are the water commissioner's duties and authority.

Some language from the earlier 1956 operating agreement was incorporated. I have attached a copy of the 1956 agreement and circled paragraphs which were used. Please review the MOU and get me your comments, or, we can set up a meeting if you wish.

A revised draft will then be sent to Curtis Cespooch of the Ute Tribe, BIA representatives and the Associated Water Users for their consideration.

JHM/ac

Attachments

cc: Michael M. Quealy (w/attachments)